

Application No.: 10/573,278
Amendment dated: June 11, 2009
Reply to Office Action dated: May 18, 2009

REMARKS

Pending Claims

Claims 1-13 are currently pending. Claims 14 and 15 are canceled.

Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

The Office issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment for this application on May 18, 2009, because claims 14 and 15 had been previously canceled in a preliminary amendment filed March 23, 2006. Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith a response to the Notice, which includes a Listing of the Claims which correctly reflects the claims pending in this application.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,411,814 (hereinafter “the ‘814 patent”). However, given that claims 14 and 15 were previously canceled, these rejections are rendered moot.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks presented herein, reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is strongly encouraged to contact the undersigned at the phone number below should any issues remain with respect to the application.

No other fees are believed due in connection with this submission. However, if additional fees are owed, please charge Deposit Account 50-1965.

Respectfully submitted,

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